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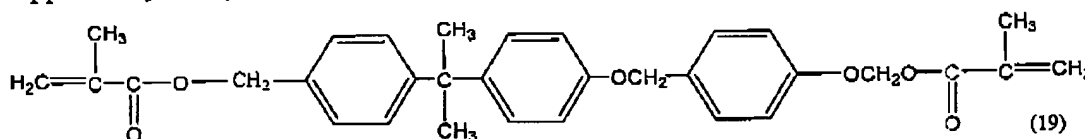
REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims, 15, 17, 21, and 28-30 are allowable.

Claims 22 and 27 have been amended to be in independent form. Amended Claims 22 and 27 include subject matter that has been previously considered in Claim 15 and 17, respectively. Therefore, the amendments to Claims 22 and 27 do not raise new issues. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and allowance of the pending set of claims.

Claims 22 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 22 and 27 have also been objected to for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

The Examiner has asserted that the following formula recited in Claims 22 and 27 is not supported by the specification:



However, formula 19, which can be found on page 40 of the specification, was amended to the above formula in Applicants' response dated December 10, 2004. In that response, the Applicants explained that the amendment was needed to correct a typographical error. Applicants also noted that support for the amendment was provided by JP 10-283142, which was filed with and incorporated by reference in U.S. Patent App. No. 09/409,087, now U.S. Patent No. 6,537,723, which is the parent of the present application. The Examiner did not object to this amendment. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 22 and 27 are supported by the specification.

As suggested by the Examiner, Claims 22 and 27 have been amended to be in independent form. Accordingly, the objections to Claims 22 and 27 have been overcome.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments it is respectfully submitted that the rejections under 112 and the Examiner's objections have been overcome. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance and an early

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notification of the allowability of these claims is earnestly solicited. If any matters remain to be resolved, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at 704-444-1185 to expedite prosecution of this application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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